

Friday, February 21, 2020

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Spring Grove Hospital Campus, 55 Wade Avenue, Tuerk Building, 2nd Floor
Catonsville, MD 21228

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Vice Chairperson..... Dan Martin
Secretary/Consumer Member..... E.J. Quinn
OTA Member..... Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member..... Marylin Pierre

Staff

Executive Director..... Lauren Murray
Interim Board Counsel..... Stacey Darin

Not In Attendance

Chairperson..... Wanda Banks
OT Member..... Caitlin Brogan
OT Member..... Rae Ann Smith

9:00—GENERAL SESSION -- OPEN MEETING

1. Ms. Murray called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.
2. Ms. Murray asked for approval of February General Session Agenda. Ms. Pierre made a motion. Mr. Quinn seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Murray asked for approval of January General Session Minutes. Mr. Martin made a motion. Mr. Quinn seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Murray asked for approval of ratification of the licensees of 42 occupational therapists and 12 occupational therapy assistants from January's Executive Session. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Mr. Quinn seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'20

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. Ms. Murray gave an update on the hiring of an assistant director. The job posting has been submitted, and Ms. Murray will give updates as she has them.
- b. Fingerprints
 - a. Ms. Murray reminded the Board members that all of those renewing must do so before they can renew.
 - b. Ms. Murray had been given information regarding providing licensees with an updated privacy act for fingerprinting. However, this is provided to licensees when they are fingerprinted, so it is not the responsibility of the Board to request this from those being fingerprinted.
- c. Payment/Reimbursement for Renewals
 - a. Last year, some licensees paid for renewal but did not have fingerprints completed in time, making their applications incomplete. The Board voted to consider any applications without fingerprints to be incomplete and that the application fees not be applied toward reinstatement nor would they be reimbursed. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Mr. Quinn seconded. All were in favor.
- d. Software Update
 - a. Due to a change in banks and payment gateways, System Automation will need to reconfigure the MyLicense software in order to use the new payment gateway. The Board will be splitting the cost of this with 3 other Boards, but there may not be online services after March 31st until the reconfiguration is complete.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Caitlin Brogan, OT/R

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

1. Ms. Murray reminded the committee members that they are expected to respond to requests for bill positions within 24 hours.
2. Ms. Lawson from MOTA sent a report regarding bills.
 - a. The Athletic Trainers bill suggests adding mental health and other areas under OT.
 - b. Ms. Darin clarified that there are some language amendments.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R

Staff: Denise Goetz

Nothing to report.

4. Secretary's Report

E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary

Nothing to report.

5. Executive Committee--

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Daniel Martin, Ph.D.
Staff: Lauren Murray

1. Correspondence

- a. An inquiry from an OT on February 6, 2020: She wished to know if schools were permitted to accept out of state assessments.
 - i. Ms. Quirk said that her school system has always accepted out of state assessments, as long as they will be reviewed at 60 and 90 days.
 - ii. The Board recommended that the OT also reach out to the Maryland State Department of Education and/or her county OT practice,
- b. An inquiry from an OT asking if cupping and blood restriction were permitted under the OT statute.
 - i. Ms. Murray will respond referring to the definition of occupational therapy procedures and principles in COMAR, but will also let the OT know that based on this definition, cupping and blood restriction are permitted with the appropriate training and safety practices observed.
- c. An inquiry from an OT asking about when it is considered too long for related progress documentation notes to be completed and when mental/psychological impairment becomes a cause for concern.
 - i. The Board agreed that the OT should submit a formal complaint.
- d. An inquiry from an OTA at a school asking about supervision when her supervising OT is no longer there.
 - i. The Board said that supervision is still required every 30 days.
 - ii. It is the responsibility of the school or supervising OT to assign a new supervisor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The March meeting will be held via Google Hangout.
2. Financial Disclosure Forms must be completed by April 30, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am.